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A Newsletter from Southern Gulf NRM

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WHO ARE WE?

SG NRM is the regions only community-based organisation that has the sole purpose of working with all land managers to address natural resource issues at the landscape level – building collaboration, gathering and sharing information and brokering funding for on-ground work.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

- » Access to training workshops
- » Assistance with identifying and accessing relevant funding for projects works
- » GIS services, including map production
- » Teaching resources and packages for schools

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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

In recent months we have seen substantial rainfall within our region, bringing hope and relief to some severely drought affected areas.

However, the rain has been patchy and there are areas are still suffering severely dry conditions.

At Southern Gulf NRM, we understand the impact the lack of rain has on our community member's hearts, minds and livelihood but the wet season is not officially over yet, so fingers crossed we see more widespread rainfall across our region.

Southern Gulf has seen a number of changes within our office since Christmas with the resignation of our contract Sustainable grazing officer Larissa Lauder and our former CEO Bob Wilson. The Southern Gulf team and board wish Bob and Larissa all the best in their in their future endeavours.

The CEO role has been temporarily filled by interim Operations Manager Andrew Maclean.

Andrew brings with him a wealth of knowledge in Natural Resource Management and an extensive background in management within the NRM sector.

Southern Gulf is currently in the process of recruiting a new full time Sustainable Grazing/Rangelands Officer who will continue to work with our grazing industry partners within the region.

Other changes that have taken place in Southern Gulf include an official company name change.

The new company name was adopted in November at our last AGM and we are now officially named Southern Gulf NRM.

At the AGM, our members also adopted proposed changes to the Southern Gulf constitution.

The current board will remain in place until June 2016 and that the board governance structure will transition from the traditional sectoral based model to a skills based board.

The skills based model is the preferred governance model of our Government

investors and is the most risk averse model to ensuring Southern Gulf are complying with the governance requirements of a not for profit organisation.

The board is strongly committed to ensuring Southern Gulf are aware of the needs of our stakeholders and community members and we aim to continue to grow our relationships through our active staff members and also through advisory groups from within the community.

The board is busily preparing for the roll out of this transition which is scheduled to begin taking place in May. A special general meeting will be held where an election of a Standing Independent Election Panel (SISP) will take place. From there our member elected SISP will begin the recruitment process of the new board in readiness for the new financial year.

We wish you all the best and look forward to working with many of our stakeholders and community members this year on NRM projects across the region.

MEGAN MUNCHENBERG



HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD! BECOME A MEMBER OF SOUTHERN GULF NRM

Membership \$20 (including GST) annually

- ▶ Attract funds to the region by expanding the membership base of SG NRM
- ▶ Influence Natural Resource Management (NRM) decision making in your region
- ▶ Provide feedback to Southern Gulf NRM about their activities
- ▶ Recommend strategic NRM initiatives and opportunities for the region
- ▶ Find out about and discuss national environmental issues and initiatives affecting our region
- ▶ The opportunity to participate in topic-specific discussions that can affect your life
- ▶ Southern Gulf Links Quarterly Newsletter
- ▶ Regular and current NRM information



CEO'S UPDATE

I've been privileged over the last few months to have the opportunity to work in the Southern Gulf community as interim operations manager and lately as interim CEO. I must start by thanking my colleagues at Southern Gulf NRM – on the Board and among the staff, and those among the wider community for their warm welcome to the region.

This is likely to be my one and only CEO update, so I thought I might share a few first impressions about natural resources management (NRM) in the region.

The first of these impressions is how thinly spread regional NRM capacity is in the Southern Gulf. NRM must be grounded in the community – it is as much a social process as a technical one. I've no doubt that our region has just as much knowledge and talent as any other – but mustering that talent to develop and implement NRM programs is a particular challenge when people live so far apart.

Secondly, I am reminded of the vital importance of partnerships in NRM. Almost all of our institutions and organisations are small and are limited in their capacity. For example, local governments have comparatively few staff yet are responsible for enormous landscapes; our State agency offices are small and regional managers are far away in Townsville or Cairns; the mainstream producer organisations have only a limited presence in the region. University research activity seems almost entirely absent. Our regional Traditional Owners face enormous challenges of capacity in balancing the maintenance of culture and the management of their traditional lands. And of course, Southern Gulf NRM itself is one of the smallest of its type in the State. In this environment, it is vital that we build and maintain strong partnerships and collaborations if we are to make progress together.

Third, State and Commonwealth investment in NRM is low and continues to decline. Only this week we learnt of a cut in Queensland Government NRM investment from around \$11M statewide to \$8M and we face a battle to maintain a fair share of that for our region.

Increasingly, governments prefer to run centralised, competitive grant programs that are especially challenging for remote communities such as ours. In doing so, they overlook the critical importance of sustaining baseline capacity in NRM and set communities against each other in competition, when collaboration is so vital. Our challenge is to ensure governments are well advised about the issues of our region and our responsibility is to construct and promote high quality projects that attract investment.

Finally (for now) we must be alert to opportunities and make the most of them. The forthcoming rollout of the satellite-based NBN might help overcome some of the challenges of isolation. State and Commonwealth Governments are actively pursuing new policies for Northern Australia and it is vital that NRM is a central feature of this. We must be alert to new opportunities and creative in developing regionally-relevant responses.

My presence as interim CEO is indicative of positive changes at Southern Gulf NRM. The search for an ongoing replacement is underway and I am excited by the prospect of a new CEO for the organisation who will provide inspiring leadership for staff and stakeholders. In combining role of CEO and Operations Manager, we will substantially reduce our overhead expenditures. We will shortly appoint a new Grazing/Rangelands officer to lead our vital relationship with the beef industry. I am sure that the move to a skills-based board over the next few months will re-energise the organisation with new ideas and new leadership.

We must be realistic about our challenges and adaptable to change, but there is much to be optimistic about the future of Southern Gulf NRM. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

ANDREW

OUTBACK TRASH-PACKS

Over the last six months Gregory River Landcare Group Inc. (GRLCG) and Southern Gulf NRM (SG NRM) Regional Landcare Facilitator, Pru Wharton have been putting together a GRLCG Outback Trash-pack to be distributed to tourists travelling around parts of Gregory, Lawn Hill National Park, Burketown Shire and Mount Isa. The pack has been designed to control littering and waste that is occurring in these areas from travelling tourists and campers.

The aim is to keep the Gregory River and surrounding areas in an environment that is stable and healthy. The Gregory River is the largest perennial river in semi-arid Queensland. This river is one of a few permanently flowing rivers in the region and is surrounded by forested areas on the upper reaches with riparian woodlands and open savannah on the plains. A number of wetlands of national significance are also found within the catchment.

Pru and the Gregory River Landcare group will be monitoring different camp sites along the river with this project over a period of 12 months.

This project has been part funded by the Regional Landcare Facilitator program.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - JULIA CREEK



Towards the end of 2015, Southern Gulf NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator Pru Wharton, hosted a Steering Committee meeting in Julia Creek at the McKinlay Shire Council Chambers. The committee includes Kevin Bawden from the Richmond Shire, Helen Lynch, McKinlay Shire and Ray Campbell of the Cloncurry Shire. The committee convene twice a year to advise the Regional Landcare Facilitator on new ideas and information that can best meet community needs and support. In 2016 the steering committee will be seeking more representatives from the Southern Gulf region that may be interested in joining.

WEED ID BOOKLET



Regional Landcare Facilitator, Pru Wharton together with Technical Officer, Sam Cullen and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries representative Nathan March, have been developing a Weed Field ID Booklet for the Southern Gulf region.

This guide is intended as a practical weed identification tool to either be carried within vehicles, or made available in the home, office or classroom. It provides a compilation of information and images for the identification of the priority weeds of the region. The book is an initiative of the Regional Landcare Facilitator Steering Committee Group.

The book will be launched at the next North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils meeting, which will be held on the 28th of April 2016, in Richmond.

It will available from the Southern Gulf NRM office in Mount Isa and The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in Cloncurry.



DARRYL HILL SOIL EROSION WORKSHOPS

In November 2015, Southern Gulf NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator, Pru Wharton and Darryl Hill (Soil Save), travelled around the Southern Gulf region to deliver soil erosion workshops.

The first workshop was held at Woodslake in Burketown where the pair collaborated with Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC). This workshop was well attended by landholders, local government and Carpentaria Land Council employees.

Following the workshop in Burketown, Pru and Darryl travelled to Canobie Station, North of Julia Creek. Darryl started the morning with a video demonstration, then a theory lesson in the classroom. He introduced the group to the 'dumpy level'; an essential tool to have in your work shed. The 'dumpy level' shows the participant how to measure slopes and distances using basic surveying principles. When the group had mastered this skill, they headed out to the paddock for a practical demonstration on how to build a diversion bank across a track to divert run-off. The purpose of this is so surface water movement can disperse and infiltrate. After an induction into the physical process, each participant had the opportunity to complete hands-on use of a grader to create diversion channels.

Darryl highlighted that soil erosion is commonly caused by poor drainage maintenance. The use of a 'dumpy level' is essential when building drainage on any highway, property road and fence line to determine which direction the water flows.

There was a great turnout at both locations with over 40 participants benefiting from the demonstration. The workshops were subsidised through the Regional Landcare Facilitator program and would not have been possible without the support of the Australian Agriculture Company (AACo.), Escott Station and Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC).

Two more workshops are planned for 2016. Watch this space.

SOIL EROSION PROJECT

In August 2015, the Gregory River Landcare Group sponsored a soil erosion project on the Lawn Hill Riversleigh Pastoral Holding Company's Lawn Hill Station.

The station manager had identified to both the Gregory River Landcare Group's president and Southern Gulf NRM's Regional Landcare Facilitator that he had concerns about a large section of the Crocodile Creek and Lawn Hill Creek being affected by major soil erosion. This section was originally a road, which over time had resulted in poor drainage into the river during multiple wet seasons, resulting in a deep cavernous change to the soil landscape. The two river systems effectively would have joined up to become one, ultimately resulting in irreversible changes to the flow of water in the two very essential creek systems.

Southern Gulf NRM's Regional Landcare Facilitator, Pru Wharton, funded by the Federal Government's National Landcare Program, was able to provide assistance to the Gregory Landcare group in order for the work to be undertaken.

The project was managed by the station manager of Lawn Hill Station and overseen by the Gregory River Landcare Group. The work undertaken was restoration services to the Lawn Hill Creek and the Crocodile Creek using heavy machinery to carry out specific excavation of the project site with the intention of returning the eroded soil within these two very important creek systems to their original state.

The project was a success largely due to the station manager actively seeking out support to manage what he conceived to be a huge environmental threat to the natural creek systems. The funding support for the station to undertake the project was also essential to cover the costs of the large amount of soil excavation that had to occur in order to repair the soil erosion project site. A total of \$14,000.00 was funded to provide for the expenses involved in the soil erosion project.



QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES LIAISON OFFICER VISIT

Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines liaison officers, Bernadette Hogan and Kate Cumming visited Southern Gulf NRM to familiarise themselves with the region and with Southern Gulf NRM. A particular focus of the discussions was implementation of the Queensland NRM programme funding that supports extensive weed control works, implemented by Southern Gulf NRM in partnership with property managers, Biosecurity Queensland, local government and others. Another project supported by Queensland NRM funding is the Savannah Plan and BeefSense projects that in the Southern Gulf region are delivered largely by the Beef Team in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Bernadette and Kate travelled east from Mount Isa to visit properties benefitting from the Queensland NRM funding. Caiwarra owners, Noel and Dallas Daly, along with Emma Hegarty from DAF, briefed them on the importance of a comprehensive approach to property and herd management, promoted through Savannah Plan. Maps produced by Southern Gulf NRM's GIS officer Steve Cobbin are central to the planning process.

At Rutchillo Station, Bernadette and Kate met Patrick Daly who was joined by Ray Campbell from nearby Cairo Station, each of which are making great progress towards eradication of Prickly Acacia from the landscape. Ray has done such good work at Cairo that there was little for Bernadette and Kate to see, but an inspection at Rutchillo showed the good progress being made there, despite the very significant cost and management pressures Southern Gulf properties have been facing. Cairo and Rutchillo are participants in the Upper Gilliat Weed Management group, and their success in Prickly Acacia control demonstrates the benefit of multiple properties cooperating and coordinating their weed control efforts.

Bernadette and Kate returned to Cairns with a better on-ground understanding of the important work the Queensland NRM funding is supporting in the Southern Gulf region, and of the vital role Southern Gulf NRM plays in delivering projects in the region.

▶ *The Cannington funding will be used to treat prickly acacia, such as these on Rutchillo Station*



CLCAC UPDATE

The Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC) conducts a wide range of land management activities across many land tenures in the Gulf region. Projects include large scale mosaic landscape fire management, a number of large scale aerial vertebrate pest management projects, targeting of property scale Prickly Acacia infestations, exclusion fencing of valuable wetlands of cultural and environmental importance, rehabilitation erosion works to restore other waterways, marine turtle monitoring on approximately 348 kilometres of coastline and the monitoring of migratory birds that brought about a site in the gulf region becoming part of the East Asian Australasian Flyway Network. The CLCAC conducts fee for service work for Carpentaria Shire with the delivery of the Council's biannual 1080 baiting program and the implementation of their weed management plan. Fee for service weed and fire work is conducted for Burke shire Council, MMG and Australian Quarantine Inspection Service also utilise the CLCAC as part of their on ground efforts.

BIDUNGGU RANGERS

The Bidunggu ranger team of up to seven rangers based in Gregory have since January 2014 used their acquired weed management training skills to eradicate thousands of exotic weeds, usually under the guidance of a CLCAC coordinator.

From information supplied by the CLCAC, since June 2015 the Bidunggu weed control activities employing the basal bark and cut stump/paint applications have focused on:

- » Lawn Hill or Wills Road (50 metres either side) from the Gregory River bridge at Gregory township to the Century Mine turnoff and then the road to Century Mine front gate; this road corridor weed control work should create a quarantine area and reduce the threat of vehicles (and cattle) picking up and moving seeds around the region (or properties).
- » Stoney Creek, Yeldham Station; Little Archies Creek and Archies Creek upstream of Little Archies, Lawn Hill Station. Rubber vine infestations on the three creeks were surveyed and the approach thereafter has been and will be to carry out weed control activities from the top of the catchment down the creek systems.
- » Gregory community, treating mainly rubber vine and bellyache bush in particular around camping areas in order to rehabilitate the riparian zone and to reduce the threat of vehicles spreading seeds around the region.

Their recording techniques, mainly a Cyber tracker, have enabled them to count individual weed species treated and the total weed count is astounding (and worrying):

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| • Rubber vine | 45,228 all areas |
| • Bellyache bush | 196 Wills Road (Gregory River) |
| • Calotrope | 500 Wills Road, Mine Road, Stoney Creek |
| • Prickly acacia | 4 Wills Road (roadside) |
| • Parkinsonia | 400 Wills Road, Mine Road, Stoney Creek |
| • Mimosa bush | 4,390 Wills Road, Mine Road |

Herbicide treatments will be followed up with storm burning in Nov-Dec 2015 in appropriate locations, primarily along the creek systems and possibly at some road locations where feasible.



▶ Russell Aplin basal barking Rubber vine Little Archie Creek



▶ Leslie Jacob basal barking Rubber vine Archie Creek



▶ Map: Little Archie, Archie Creek and Lower Stoney



▶ *Cut and paint method on established rubber vine at new site east of Tully Inlet*



▶ *Group at Massacre Inlet camp, comprising Gangalidda-Garawa rangers, NT Weed Management Branch, Biosecurity Qld and Southern Gulf*



▶ *Map: Areas treated on Gulf coast from Tully Inlet to Massacre Inlet, supplied by CLCAC*

CLCAC RANGERS HITTING WEEDS ON MANY FRONTS

The CLCAC, in partnership with Southern Gulf Catchments Limited, Burke Shire Council, MMG Century, property owners and managers, Biosecurity Queensland and Northern Territory Weed Management Branch, has invested considerable funding to reduce the size and density of infestations of a range of pest plants over a large area on a number of Indigenous, corporate and family-owned properties as well as around the township of Gregory. Treatment on a large scale of weed infestations, particularly rubber vine, bellyache bush, parkinsonia and calotrope, will ultimately enhance the biodiversity of the region and protect the Northern Territory and Boodjamulla National Park from invasion.

GANGALIDDA-GARAWA RANGERS AND PARTNERS - GULF COAST RUBBER VINE

The CLCAC Gangalidda-Garawa ranger team of 8-9, two Biosecurity Qld officers, two NT Weed Management Branch officers and one from Southern Gulf mounted a surveillance, monitoring and treatment campaign at Wollogorang-Wentworth Massacre & Tully Inlets Gulf Coast Rubber Vine sites on 6-10 July 2015.

Equipped with nine 4x4 vehicles, quad bikes and buggies, all known sites near Massacre Inlet and east of Tully Inlet were monitored and any regrowth treated immediately using either the basal bark or cut/paint technique with Access and diesel. Two new well-established sites were discovered, mapped and treated comprehensively. Follow-up storm burning of those sites is planned to be carried out if weather and ground conditions are suitable.

This Gulf coast rubber vine project has been ongoing for seven years, led by the Gangalidda-Garawa rangers in partnership with the three organisations mentioned above. It has involved helicopter surveys to locate rubber vine, storm burning of sand islands surrounded by salt pans and ground herbicide treatment of surviving and regrowth rubber vine.

CORELLA RIVER BELLYACHE BUSH - ARE WE ALMOST AT ERADICATION?

In 2005, large dense infestations of declared weed bellyache bush (*Jatropha gossypifolia*) were reported encircling Lake Corella and at several upstream sites along 4 km of Corella River, situated south of Barkly Highway midway between Cloncurry and Mount Isa.

Contractors treated the infestations three times between 2005 and 2007.

Since then, volunteers and the two landholders on Rosebud and Timberu have been trying to keep the regrowth from the extensive seed bank under control.

At times, and especially during the wet years of 2009-2011, the control task seemed beyond possibility – the infestations were expanding and spreading alarmingly along the 4 km of river above the top of the lake.

The problem was exacerbated by the fact that the plant can germinate and set seed within four months, it seeds prolifically, can expel those seeds up to 13 metres from the plant and of course high river flows spread the seeds downstream.

Corella River above the dam has beautiful gorges and rocky slopes and the bellyache bush was colonising many of those slopes making detection and treatment more difficult and onerous.

Treatment by Southern Gulf individuals, station staff, Mount Isa Landcare Group members and in 2015 Mount Isa Scouts has predominantly been by manually pulling the plants out of the ground and stashing them off the ground or on rocks, but basal bark and foliar spraying of denser stands and the cut and paint method for larger specimens have also been practised.

Numbers of plants treated ballooned to over 15,000 per year in 2010 and 2011.

A fire on the north bank and hard work in 2012 reduced numbers to 8,400 and a very dry 2013 saw the treated plants drop to 3,160.

Good rains in 2014 brought a flush of new growth and rapid response by the volunteers treated 6,700 almost all before seed had set.

Timberu staff have been vigilant around the lake and an aerial helicopter survey of the lake perimeter in early February 2016 revealed no bellyache bush at all.

There were sufficient rains in 2015 and 2016 to promote growth but only 1,291 and 172 bellyache bush plants respectively have been found and removed; a magnificent outcome and reward for perseverance and persistence by all who took part.



▶ Southern Gulf's Charles Curry with a small outbreak of bellyache bush high above Corella River upstream from the reservoir, 1 February 2016.



▶ Possibly the last mature bellyache bush on Corella River – centre of picture, high up the rock face, 4 February 2016. Treated by splatter gun and Stinger herbicide (courtesy of Dow Agrosiences) on 1 February 2016 from 2-3 metres above the plant - yellowing 3 days later.



▶ An idea of what the original infestation looked like – bellyache bush on the banks at the junction of Corella River and Greens Creek in 2006.

SOUTH32 CANNINGTON FUNDING - A DOUBLE BOOST FOR WEED MANAGEMENT IN MCKINLAY SHIRE



In December 2015, South32's Cannington Mine announced a grant of \$165,000 from the Cannington Community Development fund to Southern Gulf NRM for weed control work. Southern Gulf NRM will work with members of the Upper Gilliat Weed Management Group and the McKinlay-Kynuna Mesquite Group, to continue their long-standing battles against prickly acacia and mesquite respectively.

This Cannington Community Development funding will complement very beneficially the recently announced joint Australian and Queensland Government Drought Relief/Pest Management funding of \$360,000 exclusive of GST to McKinlay Shire Council for weed management in 2016 available for all rural rated landholdings in the shire through an Expression of Interest process; more information should be sought from McKinlay Shire Council. This funding is part of a broader funding \$1,000,000 package secured by Desert Channels Queensland - \$360,000 to McKinlay Shire Council, \$230,000 to Flinders Shire Council (great for their innovative Good Neighbour program) and \$410,000 to DCQ themselves for weed management works in the upper Diamantina catchment, again of benefit to McKinlay Shire. The joint Commonwealth/State Drought Relief/Pest Management funding totalled \$15,000,000 across drought declared regions of Queensland. Of this \$14,000,000 was allocated to various wild dog cluster fencing, projects, baiting and trapping initiatives and feral cat management. Desert Channels Queensland's success in securing \$1,000,000 for weed management in the North West region is a highly commendable achievement.

The South32 Cannington funding follows on from two previous BHP Billiton Cannington fundings of \$250,000 in 2012-13 and \$100,000 in 2014-15. The McKinlay Shire and Cloncurry Shire properties to benefit from those rounds were generally in the vicinity of the Cannington Mine - Yurbi rail loading facility but the area has been widened for the 2016 funding. Negotiations for allocation of these funds was set for February 2016 and projects should be completed in calendar year 2016.

COMMUNITY

North West Gulf Graziers Forum - Georgetown

The North West Gulf Graziers Forum was held in Georgetown on the weekend of October 10th and 11th. Our Regional Landcare Facilitator, Pru Wharton, and Samantha Cullen - Technical Weeds Officer, attended the two day event on behalf of Southern Gulf NRM. The forum was organised by Northern Gulf with the support of Southern Gulf NRM.

It provided information to landholders on improved grazing techniques and environmental topics. The topics were relevant to both Northern Gulf and Southern Gulf graziers and we were able to network with a range of people from the industry. We had a stall at the forum where we showcased our current and previous projects and new information that is coming out which may be valuable for our stakeholders.

In attending the forum we were able to gain a better understanding of the concerns of the grazing community which spans across the whole northern region. Approximately 80 people attended the event throughout the weekend.

Queensland Weed Symposium

SG NRM was honoured to be a silver sponsor of the 13th Queensland Weed Symposium held in Longreach from the 14th to 17th September 2015. WoWW Technical Officer Sam Cullen and Regional Landcare Facilitator Pru Wharton displayed the achievements of current SG NRM weed projects. This event was utilised to add to our knowledge base, develop new networks and promote the organisation's passion for weed management through engaging with a variety of stakeholders.

SG NRM was on display with a number of presentations, updating attendees on the latest ecological and best practice information for prickly acacia. Southern Gulf NRM's partnership through the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' War on Western Weeds initiative was also highlighted through the following presentations:

- Using helicopters: taking prickly acacia control to the next level - presented by Dr Emma Carlos
- Riparian spread of prickly acacia and implications for catchment management - presented by Nathan March
- Using pod and seed features to indicate prickly acacia seed viability - presented by Dr Emma Carlos
- Flinders Shire Good Neighbour Program - reducing the spread of weeds and pests - presented by Ninian Stewart-Moore

Innovators from the Southern Gulf region took the opportunity to exhibit their latest tools for more efficient weed control.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BUSINESS EDGE WORKSHOPS

During 2016 there are workshops being held throughout regional Queensland at the following locations:

- › Cunnamulla February 1-2
- › Longreach February 4-5
- › Mt Isa February 18-19
- › Richmond February 22-23
- › Charters Towers April 7-8
- › Emerald June 2-3
- › Toowoomba June 6-7

For more information or to discuss the Business EDGE contact Ian McLean on 0401 118 191 or ian@babusiness.com.au

SAVE THE DATE *27 APRIL 2016* RICHMOND

NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND WEED CONTROL INNOVATION FORUM & FIELD DAY

Southern Gulf NRM, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, will be holding a Weed Innovation Day at Richmond on Wednesday 27th April. The event will feature hands-on demonstrations of various new control tools, research updates as well as new approaches to better manage prickly acacia, rubber vine and other serious weeds in North West Queensland. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

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